

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MAY 19, 2008

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Marty Gahman
Eadie Burke
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Richard Hendricks
Harry McGonigal
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
J. Robert Hunsicker
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Dan Gilbert
Ann Weiss
News Herald

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Marty Gahman convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Hendricks gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Cathy Weirbach was present representing Perkasie Olde Towne Association. She thanked Council for supporting their recent Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz event held the prior weekend.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was present and had concerns about leaf and brush collection.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gahman congratulated the Perkasie Olde Towne Association for its recent successful Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz festival held May 17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of April 21, 2008.

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council Committees meeting minutes of May 5, 2008.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the Perkasio Olde Towne Association for their recent Hot Ribs/Cool Jazz Festival. The Mayor also read a proclamation designating May 26, 2008 as "Poppy Day" and ask all citizens to pay tribute to those citizen soldiers by wearing the *Memorial Poppy* on that day.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for April 2008.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for April 2008.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Hendricks, Council unanimously approved the Borough engineers report for April 2008.

Planning Commission Report

There has not been a Planning Commission meeting since the last Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chris Nicolosi asked if Perkasio had any kind of "Façade Review Board" and if not is that something that could be considered at a future meeting. It was agreed to put it on the June Committees agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance #927, Stop Signs at Main Street and Callowhill and Callowhill and Main Street

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving an ordinance placing and recognizing stop signs at the intersections of Main and Callowhill Streets. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the ordinance with the exception of McGonigal, Burke and Delaney who voted against. Ordinance #927 was adopted by a 6-3 vote.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Borough Manager Olpere updated Council on the recent power outage.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Resolution #2008-20, Amend Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed to approve Resolution #2008-20, amending the consolidated fee schedule as follows:

1. Amending the structural alteration fees from \$50.00 plus \$.10 per square foot to \$100 plus \$.20 per square foot.
2. Change electric reconnection fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00 during normal business hours and \$100.00 after normal business hours.
3. Clarification on the free pool membership given to Borough employees and Council that would include the Borough employee or Councilmembers, spouse, and children under the age of 18 living in the household.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from Blooming Glen Mennonite Church

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church to hold an outdoor church worship service and baptism in the creek on Sunday, August 24, 2008 from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Also approved was the request to park on both sides of the street that day.

Request from POTA to Hold Annual Car Show August 16, 2008

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Olde Towne Association to hold its annual Under the Lights Car Show on August 16, 2008.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Conduct Interviews for Appointment to Perkasio Planning Commission

Borough Council members conducted two interviews on applicants John Cornelius and Andrew Rumbold interested in an appointment to the Perkasio Planning Commission left vacant by Dale Peters who resigned earlier in the year.

Consider Appointment to Perkasio Planning Commission through 2009

A roll call vote was taken for the two applicants to the Perkasio Planning Commission. Councilmembers Nicolosi, Conville, Hendricks, Gahman, Slowik and Purcell voted for John Cornelius. Councilmembers Burke, McGonigal, and Delaney voted for Andrew Rumbold. John Cornelius was appointed to the Perkasio Planning Commission by a 6-3 vote for a term through 2009.

Rescind Resolution #2005-48, Council Liaisons-Approve Resolution #2008-21

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously rescinded Resolution #2005-48 by approving Resolution #2008-21 which would not allow Borough appointed liaisons to speak on behalf of Council without Council approval.

Resolution #2008-16, Promote Dan Gilbert to Public Works Director and Approve Bonus

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-16, effective May 20, 2008, promoting employee Dan Gilbert to the position of Public Works Director and approving a bonus of \$1,5000 for acting in this capacity since December 2007.

Resolution #2008-17, Bonus for Electric Department Foreman Matt Lynch

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a \$1,500 bonus for electric foreman Matt Lynch for acting as temporary Electric Superintendent since December 2007.

Resolution #2008-18, Promote Harold Stone to Acting Foreman and Temporary Acting Electric Superintendent and Approve Bonus

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-18 promoting First Class Lineman Harold Stone, who has been acting as Electric Superintendent Foreman for the past couple months, to permanent foreman and promote him effective May 20, 2008 to the temporary position of Acting Electric Superintendent. Also approved was a \$1,500 bonus for acting in this capacity.

Resolution #2008-19, Promote Scott Miller to Public Works Foreman

Upon motion by Conville, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously promoted Scott Miller to Public Works Foreman effective May 20, 2008.

Memorial Tree for Debbie Traubel

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved planting an Okame Cherry Tree in Lenape Park and to place a bronze plaque with it to commemorate the memory of long time employee Debbie Traubel who recently passed away.

Approve Personnel List

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Conville, Council unanimously agreed to approve the 2008 Menlo Aquatic Center Employee master list pending the results of several background checks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

Resolution #2008-22, Adopt Fund Balance Policy

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-22, adopting a fund balance policy.

Resolution #2008-23 Fund Transfer Policy

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-23, adopting a fund transfer policy.

Resolution #2008-24, Lease Agreement to Purchase Truck

Upon motion by Hendricks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2008-14, approving a three year lease with Municipal Capital Corporation to lease a 2008 Ford F350 Dump Truck and plow package for a total cost of \$18,342.69 per year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jim Purcell made reference to a memo in the packet regarding the Pennsylvania Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) which is a group of municipalities that would investigate power supply opportunities to negotiate power supply agreements on behalf of the member municipalities. Mr. Purcell asked the Borough Manager to check into this matter further.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeremy Ricci of Allied Home Builders was present to ask about a land exchange proposal with Perkasio Borough. Manager Olpere reported that the matter would be on the May 28 Perkasio Planning Commission agenda for review.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gahman announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary